

Town of Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission
Fremont, New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009

Meeting came to order at 7:05 pm at Town Hall.

In attendance were Renee King, Sarah Lamirande, Jon Benson, and Nicole Cloutier.

The annual Tree Lighting was discussed. It was agreed that it was a great success and that there were extra handouts that will be able to be used next year. The event ran smoothly and several food donations were made by the community. It was noted that the room is getting crowded and the event may need to be moved to a larger space. The school gymnasium was suggested; however, poses a safety risk as children and families would be crossing the street to the safety complex in the dark. Using a bay at the fire station was also suggested and will be looked into next fall. This was Santa's first visit to the tree lighting and it went well. Next year the commission will try to procure a local Santa that may know some of the children to help provide authenticity. Also, a possible idea of taking pictures with a digital camera and then emailing photo's to families after the event.

Jon discussed that he would like to make the concession stand at the ball fields available to a variety of non-profit groups in the community. This could be accomplished by having groups sign up for the concession stand one month in advance for a period of one week at a time. This would most directly affect the FAA. It was discussed that by waiving their annual \$500 lease they would have equal chance to reserve the concession stand when they need it, instead of using it exclusively for the spring/fall. Jon will design a new form and present it at the next meeting.

The wall is up in the fields shed and everything has been moved down. Jon to make copies of the keys. Also, electric hand dryers have been installed in the concession stand bathrooms.

Playground fund: It was determined that the playground fund has approximately \$3500 in it and that it will need to go to vote before the town to get the funds released for the purchase of additional playground equipment. Also, there is excess budget in the fields maintenance account that may also be used this year to purchase playground equipment. Possible pieces of equipment include: caterpillar crawl tube (\$1200), Clifford bounce seat (\$1000), space wheels (\$2000-\$4000), and benches and picnic tables. Renee to work up prices for playground equipment and Jon to get estimates for metal picnic tables and metal benches.

The following ideas were also presented at the meeting:

1. Getting a quote for surveillance equipment around the concession stand.
2. Hosting a "turkey trot" or Thanksgiving walk/run
3. Hosting a pumpkin carving contest with community judging
4. Looking into other town owned properties that the Parks & Recreation Commission could maintain for community use.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.